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1. The entire Polish crude oil and natural gas industry is combined under the "Centralny Zarzad Przemyslu Paliw Plynnych" organization, which has its headquarters at 4 Oleandry, WRAKO" (Q 51/Z 26d).

2. Output

About 2,500 crude oil and natural gas wells are in operation in the production area of the SAMOK, KROSNO, and GORLICE Districts, which have remained under Polish sovereignty. The present total annual output of crude oil is only about 250,000 tons, due to the exhaustion of these old fields and the lack of new drillings. Part of the natural gas produced is supplied to consumers through a 600-mile net of pipe lines and part is topped in distillation stations before being supplied. Stations are located in GRABOWICA (R 50/Z 94), LIPINKI (R 50/Z 44), MOKRE (R 50/V 01), ROMNE (R 50/Z 73), STRACHOCIN (R 50/V 03) and TURZEPOL (R 50/Z 94). The present total annual production is about 16,000 tons of light gasoline.

3. Processing

The present total annual processing capacity of the refineries in Poland is 330,000 tons. The following refineries are in operation: CZECHOWICE (Q 50/E 88), GLINIK-MARIANPOLSKI (R 50/Z 34), JASIO (R 50/Z 55), JEDLICZE (R 50/Z 65), LIGOTA (Q 51/V 56), TRZEBINIA (Q 51/V 95), and lubricating oil plants in CHORZOW (Q 51/Y 57) and ZABRZE (HINDENBURG?).

4. Synthetic Fuel Production

Only the DWORY Plant near AUSCHWITZ (Q 51/Y 74) is at present in operation, with an annual output of 40,000 tons of heavy gasoline. * Brown coal, natural gas, and coking gas are used as basic materials. A new plant is under construction near TARNOW (R 51/Z 94) for the production of liquid fuel from natural gas.

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a. The Central Crude Oil Research Institute is at ulica-Lewackiego, in KROSNO (R 50/Z 74). In addition to the chemical research laboratories, the drilling-foremen training schools in KROSNO, GORLICE and GRABONICA, as well as the engineering college in GLINIK-MARIAMPOLSKI, are under this research institute.

b. Prospecting activities and exploratory drillings are under way in the following districts: BRZOZO (R 50/Z 94), CIEKOTICE (R 50/Z 26), DEBONIEC (near SKOCZO - R 50/X 68), POLUSZ (R 50/Z 44), INOWOLA (P 53/J 15), PONIEC (R 50/Z 73), KLECZANY (R 50/Z 35), KLODZKA, RADZIECHOWA, SIEDLEC (R 50/V 05), WALFI (R 51/V 14), and WOSLA (R 51/V 37).

6. Work Force

About nineteen thousand men are employed at present in the entire crude oil industry.

7. Fuel Situation

The annual crude oil requirement of Poland is about 600,000 tons. Domestic production is 370,000 tons, ** so that about 200,000 tons must be imported annually, which means that there continues to be a shortage of liquid fuel. Therefore, a number of previously oil-fueled plants had to be converted to producer gas.

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Comment:

* a. The D'ORY Hydrogenation Plant near AUSCHWITZ was put into operation at the end of 1948. Its scheduled 1949 output is 20,000 tons of gasoline.

** b. The annual domestic production of crude oil is exaggerated. Various reports agree that the present annual Polish production is 150,000 to 200,000 tons at most. Estimated 1948 production is about 300,000 tons of crude oil and about 20,000 tons of synthetic fuels.

c. The Poles started to introduce a new fuel compound for motor vehicles with a view to overcoming the fuel deficit. It consists of 60 percent oil, 20 percent alcohol and 20 percent benzol. The annual benzol output of the important Upper Silesian Coking Plants was indicated at 40,000 tons.

d. The exploratory drillings are not only made on the northern slope of the Carpathian Mountains, but also in KUJAWIEN (see KONTYCALA - INOWROCLAW) which has almost the same geological structure as the RAUOVER District in Western Germany.

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e. [] oils are imported into Poland. They have been processed in the TRZEBINIA Refineries since the end of 1947.

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